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Academic Dishonesty Discussion and Charge to the Welfare Committee

2/14/1998: Minutes: Moderator Cyr discussed the SEC's decision to charge the Academic Standards Committee with reviewing and perhaps making recommendations for changes to the policies and procedures regarding academic dishonesty, and to charge the Academic Standards Committee with reviewing and perhaps making recommendations for changes to the policies and procedures regarding academic dishonesty, and to charge the Welfare Committee with reviewing and perhaps making recommendations for changes to policies and procedures regarding disruptive students.

Those charges were mistakenly omitted from the agenda are linked here in the minutes: Charge to Welfare Committee re Disruptive Students Charge to the Academic Standards Committee Academic Dishonesty because they were not linked, Moderator Cyr (CLASS) read them to the senate.

The charge to the Academic Standards Committee: "The Senate Executive Committee asks that, pursuant to the standing charge of your committee, you examine Georgia Southern University's current policies and procedures regarding academic dishonesty, and, if you believe changes should be made, that you make recommendations for such changes. In pursuing this charge, you will consult with the Office of Judicial Affairs, and also check on Board of Regents policies (if any) regarding this matter. Among other avenues of inquiry, we suggest that you try to determine the extent of cheating (in its various forms) on our campus, both what is and (perhaps) what is not reported to Judicial Affairs. This could involve checking trends at other colleges and universities, and you may find it helpful to check policies and procedures on other BOR system campuses and elsewhere. It would also be of value to know if faculty avoid pursuing/reporting cases of academic dishonesty and, if so, the reasons why."

Having heard anecdotal evidence of a problem with academic dishonesty, the SEC wants the committee to investigate whether we do, and if we do to report on the extent of the problem and suggest policy changes. He noted that not long ago the University of Georgia redid all their academic dishonesty judicial review policies.

To the Welfare Committee "The Senate Executive Committee asks that, pursuant to the standing charge of your committee, you examine Georgia Southern University's current policies and procedures regarding disruptive student classroom behavior, and, if you believe changes should be made, that you make recommendations for such changes. In pursuing this charge, you will consult with the Office of Judicial Affairs, and also check on Board of Regents policies (if any) regarding this matter. Further, to what extent, if any, are the University legal office and the Provost's office involved? Among other avenues of inquiry, we suggest that you try to determine the extent of student disruptive behavior (in its various forms, especially in the classroom) on our campus, both what is and (perhaps) what is not reported to Judicial Affairs. This could involve checking trends at other colleges and universities, and you may find it helpful to check policies and procedures on other BOR system campuses and elsewhere. It would also be of value to know if faculty avoid pursuing/reporting cases of student disruption and, if so, the reasons why. You may wish to talk with Michael Moore (COE) about a Fall term incident regarding a disruptive student."

Charge to Committee

To: Jim Whitworth, Chair of Academic Standards Committee

From: Senate Executive Committee Re: Academic Dishonesty Policies and Procedures

Date: February 6, 2008

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Marc D. Cyr

SEC Chair

9/22/2008: Minutes: Academic Dishonesty Policy/Disruptive Student Policy Last year, Academic Standards was charged with reviewing GSU's academic dishonesty policies, and Faculty Welfare was charged with reviewing GSU's policies regarding disruptive students. Both charges have been moving forward slowly, but it also appears that the internal changes in Judicial Affairs might have taken care of the problems. The SEC is doing some follow-up on with the Welfare Committee and Academic Standards, but it looks like things are in much better shape now than they were a year ago.